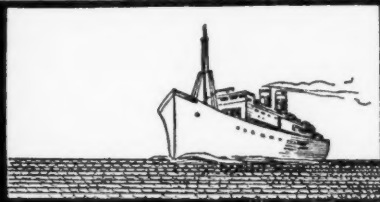


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The Highest R. P. O. Route

By Bob Richardson

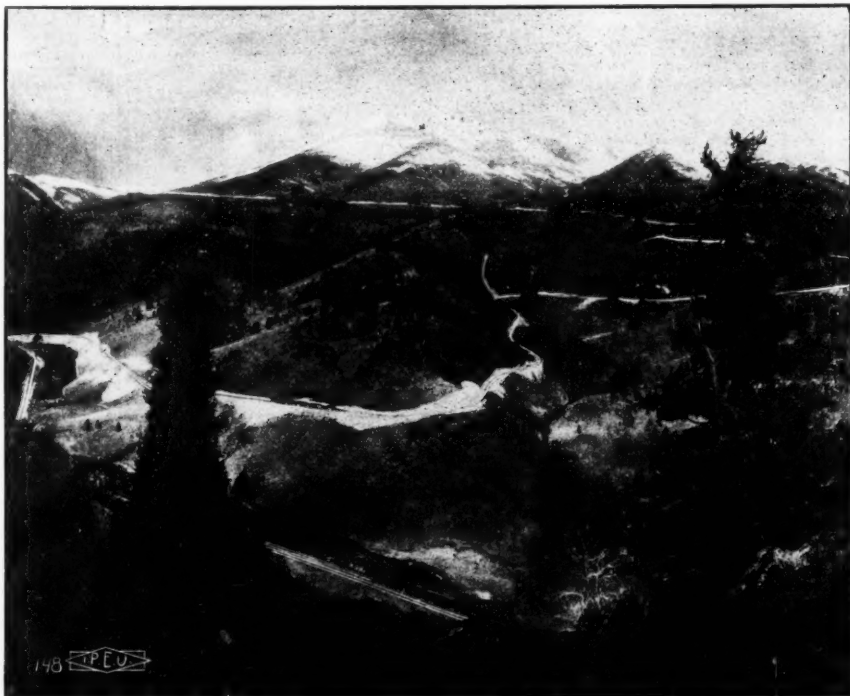
WE often read claims of various postoffices being the lowest, highest, smallest, etc. The photograph on this page shows the highest point reached by a Railway Post Office route in North America. This is in central Colorado at Marshall Pass, 25 miles west of Salida where the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad in order to cross the Continental Divide, reaches an altitude of 10,856 feet, highest rail point in the United States. The road in its trademark boasts "Through the Rockies not around them" and the winding track through the mountains only emphasizes the cost of this claim. Discovered in 1873 by Louis Marshall, an army engineer engaged in exploring that portion of the then territory, the pass was chosen shortly thereafter for the shortest rail route over the mountains from Denver to Utah. It proved a shorter route than some other routes suggested but with the increasing demand for speed, attempts were soon made to build better routes. Boom mining times spurred others to try for part of the lucrative traffic in the Colorado mountains and to protect its traffic the D. & R. G. itself began the construction of another line over the mountains, which though longer in mileage would be shorter in time consumed enroute. This was opened in the 1890s between Salida and

Grand Junction in western Colorado and though 26 miles longer than the Marshall Pass route, was shorter by hours than the trip through the Pass, which was frequently blocked with snow. Over this new route through Tennessee Pass was now sent all through traffic, the Marshall Pass line becoming a branch.

With the steady decline in silver mining, train service over Marshall Pass has

been gradually curtailed, resulting in four different Railway Post Office postmarks to date. This is not counting varieties such as different train number inserts, and new postmarks of the same name issued to replace wornout postmarking stamps. The oldest postmark of this route so far seen reads: "Salida & Grand Jct. R. P. O." and was in use when trains made the through run of

marks reading "Salida & Ouray R. P. O." and "Salida & Telluride R. P. O." Business having declined greatly after the World War, service was again cut, the mail train now running over the Pass as far as Montrose, the new postmark "Salida & Montrose R. P. O." being used for a number of years. The construction of new highways paralleling its lines, caused a further curtailment of



209 miles from Salida to Grand Junction, the two junction points with the new standard gauge main line. At Montrose, 136 miles west of Salida, junction was made with lines running to the famous mining towns of Ouray and Telluride. When the Marshall Pass ceased to be a through route, trains were operated through to those towns, rather than to Grand Jct. Thus we have had post-

service by the company in July, 1937, when the western 63 miles of this route was replaced with busses for passenger service. The remainder of the route, some 73 miles between Salida and Gunnison continued to have passenger train service and it was supposed that the new postmark made necessary by the change would include the names of those two cities. Instead, when placed in use

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it read "Salida & Ouray R. P. O." although the train does not come within 90 miles or so of the latter city. Very similar to the former postmark with same lettering, it is distinguished by the use of inserts with train numbers, (TR315, TR316) while the earlier postmark had inserts reading "East" or "West." One round trip is made each day by the train, which consists of locomotive (which sports a snowplow nine months of the year), baggage car with R. P. O. compartment, express car, coach and parlor-observation car, all somewhat smaller than standard rolling stock since the line is narrow gauge, the track being only three feet wide. Passengers are not plentiful, but the wild scenery attracts a number of tourists in season. The mail clerk sorts enroute mail received at Salida and Gunnison so that it may be dispatched promptly at either point. The special postmark is not used a great deal, though the car is fitted with a letter drop for the convenience of passengers or persons meeting the train at stations. The trip takes nearly four hours each way (when the weather permits) about half of which time is consumed in ascending and descending the 31 miles over the Pass, which is more than 3,000 feet higher than either terminal city. Sometimes a rotary snowplow pushed by two locomotives has to precede the train and on those days the mails often are long overdue. As a new highway over the pass is expected to be completed early in 1938, this postmark too may soon disappear if the company decides to replace the passenger train with busses. But for the present for a few minutes each day there still is a post-office of the travelling variety at this high point, though of course a postmark applied at this point does not differ from one applied elsewhere during the trip.

New Zealand Withdraws Stamps

Because the current 1/2d and 1d pictorials of New Zealand do not clearly show the new style parcel post roller cancellation, and are thus liable to be used again, the postal authorities have decided to withdraw the two stamps. The replacements will be of a design bearing portrait of King George VI after a photograph taken for this purpose. This is probably the first time in recent years that a cancellation has been so light as to warrant taking such steps.

Coopersville (Mich.) Organizes

On Dec. 3rd, the Progressive Hobby Club was organized at Coopersville, Mich., meetings being scheduled for every second Friday at the homes of members. The club plans a show in the High School Auditorium early in 1938. Local collectors should contact the Secy.-Treas., Clair E. Ingraham.

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The Post Office Dept. announced on Dec. 21st, that a total of 5,277,445 of the 10c Smoky Mountain souvenir panes for the Asheville S. P. A. Convention had been issued. Of these 687,400 were sold at Asheville, the balance at the Agency, where they were removed from sale on Oct. 11th.

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Gossip reports that stamps and coins purporting to be from "Atlantis," an island off the coast of Ecuador are or were being offered at Kansas City and the Better Business Bureau has warned prospective purchasers.

Prof. R. E. Dunbar of the North Dakota Agricultural College has shown us an illustration of a cover of 1935 from Shanghai, bearing the stamps of six nations, each cancelled by one of their naval postmarks. We fear there will be no more since two were from Chinese and Japanese ships.

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Your Washington Correspondent

By CHARLES A. KENNY, Washington Times Stamp Editor

Impatient collectors of United States stamps with their eyes toward the P. O. program for 1938, are bombarding this department, demanding what is to be expected in the way of new issues for the year.

Rumors are rampant concerning what has definitely been decided upon, but when you ask P. O. officials what is in store for the U. S. collectors for the coming "campaign," they throw up their arms in holy horror.

It seems that the P. O. Department is receiving similar mail from all parts of the country regarding the same question. But really, folks, the P. O. officials have but a faint idea as to what is in store.

However, it is definitely known that the first stamps of the new regular series, supplanting the 1922 series, are due for an early showing. It is a foregone conclusion that the basic design for the frames have been worked out, as well as the portraits to be used. As we all know the new series will show likenesses of former Presidents who hitherto have not been portrayed on stamps. Along with this information, it is almost certain that

the new series will have two new values, namely 4½ cent and 18 cent denominations.

Then we know that the first of the continued set of commemoratives honoring the Constitution Sesquicentennial celebration will make appearance in the early part of the "campaign." This trio of stamps will do homage to the judicial, legislative and executive divisions of the Government.

Along with these stamps, the second edition of the Northwest Territory stamp (the first of which was the Ordinance of 1787) will be issued, despite the fact that P. O. officials refuse to comment on the stamp.

And finally, of course, is the definitely decided commemorative postage stamp honoring the tercentenary of the settlement of Delaware. The P. O. department is already working out preliminary drafts with the Delaware Tercentenary Commission with headquarters at Wilmington, for authentic details on the contents that will make up the design and illustration of the stamp.

As news is comparatively light this week, it is well to dip into some of the background relative to the Delaware celebration.

In 1638 a company was formed in Sweden and sent out a party of colonists under the leadership of Peter Minuit, the man, who as Governor of New Netherlands had bought Manhattan Island from the Indians. The Swedes sailed up Delaware Bay and established a fortress on the site of the present city of Wilmington. The colony was known as New Sweden and the fortress, Christina, named in honor of Queen Christina.

England captured New Netherlands and in 1682 the Duke of York turned over the Delaware territory, together with all settlements to William Penn. However, the inhabitants were far from satisfied at being included as a part of Pennsylvania and in 1703 Delaware was made a separate colony with its own assembly. It was, however, still the property of the Penn family and had the same Governor as Pennsylvania. But with the Revolutionary War, Delaware resorted to its own distinct rule.

Therefore, the Swedes are credited with being the first white settlers in the Delaware Valley.

If present plans are approved, it is more than likely that the Delaware commemorative will show a portrait of the first Governor of Delaware, Johan Printz.

Announcement has been made by the Post Office Department that total sales of the three cent Virgin Island commemorative postage stamp at Charlotte Amalie, December 15 last, totaled 415,045 stamps. There were 225,469 covers canceled. At the Philatelic Agency here the following day, 667,919 Virgin Island stamps were sold.

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Original Essay

Herewith we print an original essay on stamp collecting by a Denver school-boy. John Hartman is not a stamp collector, but his mother is; in fact, very much so, having a large general collection. A friend in sending in the essay suggests "perhaps it would do us all good to see ourselves once in a while as others see us."

STAMP COLLECTING

Stamp collecting is a very interesting hobby for the philatelist. As for the philatelist's family, ah—

The first thing one will probably hear is, "Oh, come here, quick!"

You arrive breathless, expecting some great wonder and all you hear is, "Oh, look at that rare two cent stamp, I just got it today."

It looks like any ordinary stamp. When you ask why the excitement, you are told that it is because the person has a double chin or a spot on the forehead due to a fault in the engraving.

You can never receive a letter and read it in peace until you give the philatelist the undamaged stamp. You find stamps everywhere; in the wash basin, soaking; on all the tables and chairs, laid out in rows on your bed and even some on the floor. When this happens, you must have a guide to lead you about.

You are asked to look up countries and cities with barbarous names and even some you never heard of before, thus causing you to learn some excess geography and history, whether you like it or not. The last straw is when the collector has approximately eight or nine thousand stamps and calmly asks you, "Would you mind counting my stamps for me?"

When the stamp collector is your younger brother, you probably know what to do, but when it is your mother it is hopeless.

Someone must have access to the Presidential wastebaskets in the Dominican Republic for we see the 25c 1935 which is required to be used on all letters to the President, and which catalogs 60c, offered at \$5.00 per 100 to wholesalers. The March of Time could use this in their next thriller on "bashful" President Trujillo.

Witmer Eberle, of Mount Joy, Pa., is sponsoring a set of Roosevelt Birthday cachets for the President's 56th birthday. The set of nine covers, three each from Roosevelt, Delano and Franklin in different states will be on specially printed envelopes, and will be sent to all sending their name and address together with 3c postage for each cover, plus 1c forwarding charge for each.

An interesting article appears in the November American Philatelist by John N. Myer, which should prove of interest to all South American specialists in that it fully explains the reasons why the various Colombian states had their own stamps.

First Official Wellington, N. Z., to Auckland flight took place on June 27th with an official cachet being applied to mail.—Julius B. Bock, London, England.

The name of the postoffice of Wanego, W. Va., must have been prophetic, for it sounds like a small child's plaint when its parents keep it in the movie too long—"wanna-go" and Wanego is going, for it's to be discontinued the end of this month.

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Editor's Notebook

GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS Last week we criticized the Washington stamp manufacturers for making 15 special plates, including nine stamps not previously in existence, with the purpose of manufacturing material for the exhibition frames the Post Office Department loans to various stamp exhibitions throughout the country. The Bureau's having gone to this much effort to provide us with interesting exhibits shows a fine spirit of co-operation with philately, which is unfortunately marred by the lack of good judgment in what comprises a worthwhile exhibit. As we pointed out, the effort in getting up these 15 plates was pointless and represents wasted time and effort, since there

already is available to the Bureau and P. O. Department more than sufficient material of great interest to stamp collectors—all of it manufactured in the course of producing each new stamp. Then too, this material we speak of lacks the "made to order" taint of the 15 exhibit plates and their impressions.

For those next frames why not draw on the material which has to be made every time a new stamp is produced? We refer to the drawings, essays, proofs and related material which is necessary in connection with each new design. For every new design, a rough drawing, perhaps a composite containing a photograph, is submitted to the Bureau by the Department. With this drawing as a model, the artists prepare two or more detailed drawings with different styles of lettering, etc. These drawings have all the appearance of a completed stamp down to the finest lines, though of course they are much larger, some being many times the size of the proposed stamp. Submitted to the Dept., they are selected for the design to be used, or if not suitable changes are marked and new drawings are submitted. From the approved drawing, the engravers proceed to make the die for the new stamp, and during the progress of the engraving proofs are pulled frequently to guide them in their work. Would not these progressive proofs be excellent exhibition material? A proof from the finished die mounted in a panelled card is then submitted for approval, usually in several colors or several shades of one color. When this in turn is also approved, the Bureau proceeds to make the transfer roll and from the roll makes the plates. As we pointed out, there is thus manufactured in the ordinary course of production a wealth of material of interest to the student of philately, as well as the average collector and undoubtedly of interest to the non-collector attending a show. Such material properly mounted with explanatory notes would be real exhibits, worthy of sending around the country. Certainly they would be more educational than the present type of frames consisting for the most part of printer's waste.

—R. R.

QUANTITIES A reader inquires where ISSUED

he can get information on the number being sold each week or month of current commemorative stamps. No such information is available. Until a stamp is no longer on sale at the Philatelic Agency the best idea of how large each issue is, may be judged from the reports of additional printings made. After a stamp is no longer on sale at the Agency, we are sure that no further

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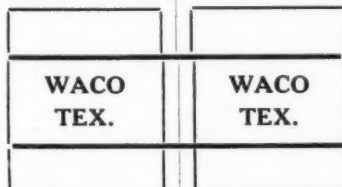
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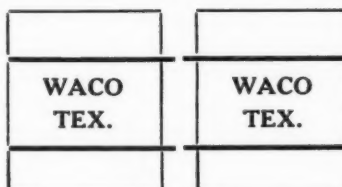
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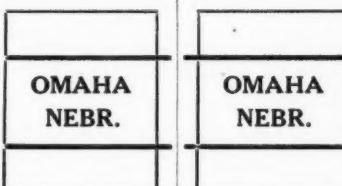
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GAP PAIR

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LINE-GAP PAIR

gap occurring every twelfth stamp, as the locking key of the plates is located there. Sometimes a smaller gap is found after every sixth stamp, caused by the two halves of the precancel plate not joining properly, and termed a "false gap." The false gaps have not proven of much interest to the Bureau Print collector but the line pair and gap pair are kept and the combination of the two, which occurs every 204 stamps, the "line-gap pair," is much sought for.

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Stradivari Stamps

On the 200th Anniversary of his death Italy has issued two stamps with portrait of the famed violin maker, Antonio Stradivari, as part of a ten-stamp series honoring five great Italians. The other four notables are Gasparo Spontini, a composer, on the 10c and 1.75L; Giacomo Leopardi, a poet, on the 25c and 50c; Giovanni Pergolesi, a composer of sacred music, on the 30c and 75c; Giotto di Bondone, a painter of the Middle Ages, on the 1.25L and 2.75L. Stradivari is shown on the 20c and 2.55L values at his work bench, a violin in his hands. Today a fine Stradivarius violin is valued at \$100,000 and he is supposed to have made nearly two thousand violins in his lifetime. Not all were fine violins and today only a very few exist. The two high values of the set are apparently semi-postals as they have a plus-sign and additional value of two lire each.

Constitution Painting Exhibited

The painting, "Signing of the Constitution" by Junius B. Stearns, which was used for the design of the 3c Constitution stamp is included in an exhibit now being made of pictures loaned to the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C., to remain until February.

Austrian Catalog

A 120 page catalog of the stamps of Austria, including the military post and offices in Levant, has just been issued by Fritz Billig, Herrengasse 6, Wien 1, Austria. Well illustrated, both major and minor varieties, the book is priced at two shillings. Though descriptions are in German and prices in Austrian schillings it will no doubt be of interest to Austrian specialists.

German Tete-Beche

Scott's Monthly reports that the new Winterhelp German Semi-Postal set has been issued in booklets containing four 3pfg., five 5pfg., and six 12pfg. stamps resulting in some tete beche varieties being necessary in the large sheets from which the booklets are manufactured. The large uncut sheets containing the booklet panes have been placed on sale at the Philatelic Bureau in Berlin.

B. N. A. Priced Catalog

The United Stamp Co. of Chicago, publishers of the Marquette Sectional Album have issued another of their catalogs for various groups of countries. The latest catalog is for Canada, Newfoundland, and the other British North American stamp-issuing countries past and present. Every design is illustrated, which results in a compact handy reference list, excellent for users of the Marquette Albums. The price is 15c.

Where Do They Go?

We mentioned a few issues back that 200,000,000 of the Susan Anthony stamp had been issued, but Melvin Lloyd, a Pennsylvania subscriber wants to know where they are, for he's only seen five to date.

Franklin Institute Stamp Asked

An attempt was made by Philip Ward, Philadelphia dealer, to persuade President Roosevelt to issue a special stamp for the dedication of the Franklin Institute in May, 1938, according to the Phila. Bulletin.

New Bedford Stamp Store

The Silver Stamp Co., of New Bedford, Mass., have announced opening a new stamp store at 278A Union St. They carry a full line of Linprint products, so Linn's readers in the district can contact them for any of our products.

Now, we learn that an English dealer, Thomas Cliffe, has had built a "factory" especially for producing stamp packets.

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UNITED STATES—Territorial Commemorative Issue. Alaska. Rotary Press Printing, unwmkd., perf. 11x10½.
#800—A165—3c violet (landscape, Mt. McKinley in background)
(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

ALBANIA—Commemoratives. Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Independence of Albania, a special set of stamps was issued on November 20th, in the following denominations: 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 qind, 1 and 2 francs; also three additional values, 20, 30, and 40 qind, printed in miniature sheets of three. These stamps will be on sale for three months only and on February 28th will be withdrawn from sale and any stock remaining on hand will be destroyed.
(Whitfield, King & Co.)

AUSTRALIA—New shade. Appeared October 22nd. Perf. 13½x14. Wmkd. Crown and C of A mult.:
AP4—156d. purple
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA—New values. As part of the engraved issue of 1931-32:
1.50fr. lilac (wooden pot hewer)
2.50fr. deep blue (leather makers)
(R. Roberts)

BURMA—Official Stamps. Additional values to go with those chronicled by us Sept. 11th. Service stamps of India, overprinted "Burma."
8a. reddish purple
12a. claret
1R. chocolate & green
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—International Labor Bureau Issue. Undenoted overprinted in blue or black "B. I. T. 1937"; unwmkd., perf. 12½x12:
A73—50h. deep green (b)
A65—1.50k. carmine (bl)
A66—2k. deep green (bl)
(R. Roberts)

GERMANY—Correction. Our attention has been called to an error made in our listing of Nov. 27, 1937. We omitted the highest value in the set as well as noting the next lower value wrong. We therefore list these two values again, this time correctly:
SP98—25pf. plus 15pf. ultramarine
SP99—40pf. plus 35 pf. red violet
(S. S. Bremen)
(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

INDIA—Nabha—Official Stamp. Undenoted stamp of India, overprinted in two lines "NABHA STATE SERVICE": Wmkd. mult. stars, perf. 13½x14:
A54—8a. red violet

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Jaipur—Official Stamp. Regular issue of 1932-34 overprinted in red in one line "SERVICE"; unwmkd., perf. 14:
A18—4a. gray-green & black
(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

JAPAN—Type of 1913. White paper. Wmkd. wavy lines. Perf. 13. Another value to go with those previously noted:
A36—50s. orange & dark blue
(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

LUXEMBURG—Semi-postals. Photogravure, sheets of 100 (10x10), unwmkd. perf. 12x13. Wenceslas design:
10c. plus 5c. scarlet & black
35c. plus 10c. violet & green
70c. plus 20c. blue & maroon
1fr. plus 25c. green & red
1.25fr. plus 75c. deep brown & violet
1.75fr. plus 1.50fr. black & blue
(R. Roberts)

Whitfield, King & Co. report that 75,000 complete sets of the above were printed, with larger quantities of the lower values. The stamps will remain on sale until January 31st, when any stocks remaining will be destroyed. This firm is also authority for the information that the portrait is that of Wenceslas II, Duke of Luxemburg (king of Bohemia and Emperor of Germany 1383-1419).

NETHERLANDS—Semi-Postals. Same size as usual in these sets. Design is from a painting by Frans Hals:
1½c. plus 1½c. black
3c. plus 2c. green
4c. plus 2c. red
5c. plus 2½c. blue-green
12½c. plus 3½c. blue
(Pete Vanleeuwen)

Correction. In the November issue of Scott's Monthly Journal, they listed a postage due stamp, which we chronicled in our notes of December 18th. We noted the color was not the usual color for the due stamps of Netherlands, but thought perhaps the color had been changed. We now learn from Scott's latest Journal, that this should have been for Curacao.

PERU—Semi Postal Stamp. Stamp of 1935, overprinted in black, in one line "PRO-DESCUPODAS," unwmkd., perf. 13½:
A131—2c. deep claret
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**RUSSIA—In connection with the achievements of Soviet aviation the Postal Administration of the Soviet Union issued on November 15th, a miniature sheet of four Air Mail stamps of 1 Rouble each, or 4 Roubles for the sheet. The design shows an aeroplane, equipped with five motors, in flight over Leningrad, and the stamps are printed in three colors. The total number issued was 50,000.
(Whitfield, King & Co.)**

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Variety. Gibbons' latest supplement reports the word "SUID-AFRIKA" instead of "SUIDAFRIKA" on Afrikaans stamps, on the under-noted value. We are sorry we are unable to give our readers Scott's number at this writing, but in event we learn this later it will be noted in our column:
6d. green & vermilion

VENEZUELA—Child Welfare Stamp. Photogravure, sheets of 100 (10x10) unwmkd., perf. 11½. Size of stamp perf. to perf. 26½x30½mm. Portrait in profile of Simon Bolivar. Overprinted in red diagonally "EE UU DE VENEZUELA CORREOS" in two lines, small block capitals:
5c. deep slate-green
(R. Roberts)

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| 25-30 | Southwest Africa prs. | (6) | 70.00 |
| 33-54 | Southwest Africa prs. | (22) | 18.50 |
| 59-80 | Southwest Africa prs. | (24) | 35.50 |
| 93-104 | Southwest Africa prs. | (12) | 22.00 |
| 107-124 | Southwest Africa prs. | (18) | 15.25 |
| 135-158 | Southwest Africa prs. | (24) | 24.75 |
| 93-104 | St. Settlements | (12) | 13.25 |
| 109-120 | St. Settlements | (12) | 15.50 |
| 123-33 | St. Settlements | (11) | 6.25 |
| 123-33 | St. Settlements (blks. of 4) | (11) | 25.50 |
| 1-13 | Fed. Malay | (13) | 29.50 |
| 17 | Fed. Malay | (1) | 35.00 |
| 18-25 | Fed. Malay | (8) | 2.25 |
| 1-8 | Sudan | (8) | 4.50 |
| 9-16 | Sudan | (8) | 2.40 |
| 17-25 | Sudan | (7) | 1.40 |
| 30-9 | Sudan | (9) | 22.50 |
| 10-24 | Tanganyika | (15) | 21.00 |
| 29-43 | Tanganyika | (15) | 17.50 |
| 1-11 | Transjordan | (11) | 6.20 |
| 130-44 | Transjordan | (15) | 4.50 |
| 145-65 | Transjordan | (11) | 8.50 |
| 156-68 | Transjordan | (13) | 62.00 |
| 1-7 | Turks and Caicos | (7) | 1.85 |
| 1-7 | Turks and Caicos (blks. of 4) | (7) | 7.25 |
| 10-12 | Turks and Caicos | (3) | 1.00 |
| 13-22 | Turks and Caicos | (10) | 6.25 |
| 25-35 | Turks and Caicos | (11) | 3.75 |
| 45-63 | Turks and Caicos | (9) | 1.40 |
| 45-63 | Turks and Caicos (blks. of 4) | (9) | 5.75 |
| 45-65 | Turks and Caicos | (11) | 14.25 |
| 60-70 | Turks and Caicos | (11) | 5.50 |
| 21-8 | Virgin Islands | (8) | 7.75 |
| 29-35 | Virgin Islands | (7) | 3.10 |
| 29-37 | Virgin Islands | (9) | 7.75 |
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Australasian Notes

S. ZELENKO

Some months ago I mentioned in connection with the Scott catalog changes, the G. P. O. "Specimen" sets. These sets contain 68 different stamps of the Commonwealth, nearly all obsolete, and are sold for one pound a set at the General Post Office. Space will not permit to enumerate all the stamps which are sold with these sets, but their "highlights" are Sydney Bridge and Kingsford-Smith O. S. overprints in complete sets (Scott 130-132 and 401-402). A great proportion of the stamps are also punctured "O. S." These official stamps were used prior to 1931 and although not listed by Scott are included in the Yvert catalog. All stamps are cancelled but the original gum is left on the back, in other words, cancelled to order.

From a purely philatelic viewpoint, these "Specimen" sets do not in the least help the cause. Firstly, because it is impossible to estimate the existing quantities of such stamps as the 5/- Sydney Bridge, as an additional copy must be added to the number known with each specimen set sold. It is apparent that the market value for such

a stamp cannot be stabilized so long as the sets continue to be sold, and even the most disinterested collector does not like to acquire a stamp that may drop in price in the future.

Secondly, all the stamps sold with these sets cannot rightly be regarded as obsolete, if they can still be obtained in the General Post Office, even if they are cancelled to order.

No commemorative set issued since the Victoria Centenary series is included with the specimen sets and it is to be hoped that they will not be sold with these sets for so long as they are, it will doubtless have a deteriorating effect on their market values.

This, perhaps, may explain the recent drops of some items in the Australian part of the Scott catalog. It must be remembered that this, like any other catalog, does not deserve fully the name "Standard," but should really be looked upon as a price list of a retailing stamp business. A very complete price list, it is true, but nevertheless a price list, and it is only reasonable to expect upward or downward price changes (not only in the Australian but any other part) which help in meeting the competition of other retail stamp firms. The days when a collector could expect to purchase recent issues at a fixed discount of catalog are well over.

NEW ZEALAND

No official announcement has so far been made with regards the U. S. A.-N. Z. Clipper service. At the moment of writing (Nov. 8) the date of the first return flight and airmail rates are still unknown, and the service is supposed to begin in December.

The 1937 Health stamps are printed on Multiple N. Z. star watermarked paper, in sheets of 48 (6x8) from Plates 1 and 2 and the respective numbers appear in one of the corners of each sheet. They are printed by the Australian Note and Stamp Printer (J. Ash) but his now well known Imprint does not appear on the sheets.

Have you a "Boomerang Cover?" This would seem to be a new term for covers—at least we haven't seen it used before—and is applied in advertising of the Empire Stamp Galleries, New York, to the covers carried on Dick Merrill's round trip flight in May to England.

A number of German stamp dealers are reported arrested for sending valuable stamps out of Germany, and that the government is warning dealers not to stock certain stamps because they are claimed to be "anti-German."

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At the recent Cincinnati meet there was circulated blocks of the 2c ord. made to imitate B73 but spelled in the above manner. The H was found in place of the N in every subject. The line spacing and size of type matched the B-11 type very closely, but of course in the case of the genuine Fort Wayne Bureau Fort is spelled out, not abbreviated. They no doubt were made just as novelties but I understand a few of the gents peddling them failed to mention the novelty part about them, and as a consequence there is a chance that some difficulties will arise from the matter.

ELGIN FAKES

Those mentioned last week, we note in the Dec. BEE, were found on the 2c and 3c Parks and 3c Wisconsin. Made to imitate U-16 but too much ink was used and sharp clear impressions like the original ELGIN precancels was not obtained by the imitator. "Be suspicious of all recent commemoratives in U-16 from Elgin" says Berton Hoover of the firm of Hoover Bros.

QUITMAN, GA.

Maurice Nathanson showed us a U-75 double on the current 1c from this town, used on a circular from Southern Pecan Co. in October 1937; unlisted.

—Dec. BEE

NOTES

The Western Echo came in with a pair of 1/2c ord. precancelled San Pedro, Calif., in U-12.—My friend down Augusta, Ga., way sends me his usual advertising circular mailed with a 1/2c and 1c ords from Augusta in U-12. This is

a new type for this place.—The 17c Boston and 17c Brooklyn bureaus still defy most collectors. Have you got yours? Hoping that all my readers had a Merry Xmas and will have a Prosperous and Happy New Year we sign off for this time.

Billboard of Stamps

The Shell Oil Co. of Canada, Ltd. has recently put out a new type of billboard advertisement which depicts stamps from various countries, the intention being to tie in with the company's present advertising slogan, "World Experience in Every Gallon." The unusual billboard attracted so much attention that it was reproduced in 3'x5' poster size. The advertising agency responsible for this unusual advertisement, Ryan, Leach & Goode, report that though this is only one of a series of posters on various subjects, the stamp posters received more request letters than any of the others. The poster reproduces 22 stamps in full.

A new periodical of interest mainly to collectors of British Colonials is the "West-End Philatelist" which has been revived as a house organ by David Field, Ltd., 7 Vigo St., London. Unlike most house organs much space is given over to well illustrated articles.

The New York Branch of the Russian Philatelic Society "Rossica" in Jugoslavia now holds meetings every Saturday evening in room 216 of the West 23rd St. Y. M. C. A. This society is unusual in that its members specialize in Russian Postal issues of the Empire only. Visitors are invited to attend meetings. An exhibition will be held in 1938 of which Mr. A. Coroshansky, 510 W. 124th St. is the committee's secretary.

CANADA

(Scott's) 1c EACH (Used)

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| 122 | 128 | 125 | 142 | 149 | 150 | 163 | 176 |
| 180 | 185 | 186 | 190 | 195 | 196 | 197 | 213 |
| 217 | 218 | 219 | 221 | 280 | 283 | 404 | 407 |

2c EACH (Used)

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| 32 | 33 | 74 | 95 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 114 |
| 120 | 124 | 126 | 144 | 153 | 155 | 162 | 165 |
| 168 | 177 | 183 | 191 | 192 | 199 | 205 | 405 |
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The French Post Office has announced there will be a new series of Paris Exhibition commemoratives in miniature sheets, similar to the last issue, printed in blocks of four, one block for each of 24 colonies. These will be sold only in complete sets, and the Post Office has guaranteed that only 30,000 sets will be issued. Face value of each block will be 3 francs. These were to be issued on November 29th and apparently were not to be issued in the colonies at all.

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The name of the postoffice was Brown's Mill. The U. S. postoffice department suggested a change for the reason Brown's Mill was so commonly used throughout the nation. The citizens discussed names among themselves but had some trouble agreeing.

The postmaster was known as a tightwad who dipped snuff. The mail carrier went to Giddings after the mail once a week on Saturday. The postmaster always gave him a dime and said, "Be sure and bring me a dime box of snuff."

Since the natives knew that this box was to last one week it became a standing joke. Some wag suggested the name, Dime Box, for the postoffice. It was unanimously adopted and bears that name to this day.

(Clipping, thanks to Geo. L. Ross.)

Strikes with all their attendant difficulties are nothing new to postal departments. Back in 1920 the Yugoslav government had to get its current regular series of stamps printed in Vienna, Austria for a while because of a printers' strike at Laibach, where they were printed ordinarily.

The Daily Mirror of Dec. 7th had a column by Boake Carter, well known commentator, on the Post Office Department's intentions regarding the proposed Bermuda airmail route, specifically the minimum pay per trip being for 800 pounds of mail. Mr. Carter asked if Farley proposes to issue new stamps to encourage Bermudians to go literary to the extent of writing the 40,000 letters per trip to enable the department to break even.

Postal Markings for November continue to illustrate the numerous new cancellations. Among the ship and train markings are two from Siam.

Perhaps the reason the French acted so energetically in nipping the attempted revolution in the bud, is that being a nation of stamp collectors they feared the horrors of modern civil war in the way of a flood of surcharges—like their Spanish neighbors.

GRASSY POINT, N. Y., is apparently growing up in weeds for the post office has been discontinued as of Dec. 15th.

New British Colonials

St. Vincent has announced a set of 11 values running from 1/4d to 1£, the 1/4d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 2/-, 5/- and 1£ values having the Colony's Badge as central portion of design, with King George VI portrait in upper right corner. The other values are scenic designs with medallion portrait of the King at top, designs as follows: 1d View of Young's Island and Fort Duvernette; 1 1/4d View of Kingstown and Fort Charlotte; 2 1/4d—View of Bathing Beach at Villa and 1/-—View of Victoria Park, Kingston.

Trinidad and Tobago has announced a pictorial set consisting of 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 8c, 12c, 24c, 48c, 72c, which include the effigy of the King and illustration of the Imperial Crown. The designs will include the same scenes as on the corresponding values of the 1935 pictorial set, now current.

Turks and Caicos Islands will issue a set of twelve new stamps comprising the 1/4d, 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/4d, 2d, 2 1/4d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, and 10/-. The values of 1/- and under will be horizontal format while the three highest values will be vertical oblongs. All will show a salt manufacture scene and include the effigy of the King.

Southern Rhodesia on Nov. 25th issued a new series of 1/4d, 1d, 1 1/4d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 10d, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, and 1£. All bear a portrait of King George VI in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet.

—Courtesy of the KenMore Stamp Co.

New Club Holds Exhibition

The Norfolk (Nebr.) Stamp Club which was organized in September, held its first annual exhibition on Dec. 10-11 consisting of 61 frames which were viewed by several hundred persons.

Cleveland Open House Jan. 29-30

The Cleveland Stamp Club will hold its tenth annual exhibit at the Hotel Hollenden, January 29th and 30th. The display will include United States complete, foreign and educational frames. The bourse to be held in connection is available to dealers at \$5 per table, which charge includes a ticket to the banquet scheduled for the evening of the 29th. Reservations should be made to E. N. Ong, Sec'y, 700 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

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